(c) whether any decision has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATE) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A decision has been taken to deploy, in a phased manner, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at all operational airports in the country and accordingly CISF has been deployed in 47 airports till date.

(d) Do not arise.

Facilities at Goa Airport

1395. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) by when, Goa Airport will be operative 24 hours;

(b) whether Government have any plan to introduce more facilities at Goa Airport in view of the fact that Goa has become a hot tourist destination from all over the world; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) (a) Goa Airport is already operational for 24 hours.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has plans for expansion of the existing civil apron to accomodate wide bodied jet aircraft. Indian Navy has been requested for their clearance and transfer of the required land on mutually agreed terms and conditions. AAI has also plans to construct a new international terminal complex and additional car parking area. The State Government has been requested to hand over the required land free of cost and free from all encumberances.

New Ventures in Aviation Industry

1396. SHRI RAVI SHANKER PRASAD :
SHRI B.J. PANDA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that he has made a statement that 2005 will be the year of airports for our Aviation Industry;

(b) if so, the details of new ventures; and

(c) the action plan of Government to transform this sector into world class?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to cater for new ventures and to meet the growing traffic demands at international and domestic airports, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has already undertaken following development works at various airports in the country: Augmentation of Car Parking facilities at Terminal-IB and Terminal-II at Delhi airports;expansion and facelifting of terminal building and augmentation of car parking facilities at Mumbai airport; construction of departure block for international terminal complex, four domestic aricraft base for domestic apron at Kolkata airport; phase uplifting of terminal building on both sides and provision of additional aero-bridge at domestic terminal building at Chennai airport; construction of passenger terminal at Amritsar, Pathankot, Bhuj, Ahmedabad, Gaya, Srinagar, Calicut, Vishakhapatnam, Mangalore, Rajamundary, trichy and Madurai; terminal building and apron at Udaipur and Varanasi; fire station at Ranchi and aero-bridges at Guwahati. A number of development works are planned to be taken up on requirement basis in the next two years which include construction/modification of terminal building, cargo complex, control tower, technical block, fire station, extension of runway and apron, provision of aero-bridge at Delhi, Mumbai, Lucknow, Goa, Indore, Jamnagar, Juhu, Nagpur, Porbandar, Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Dibrugarh, Barapani, Dimapur, Guwahati, Bagdogra, Agartala, Patna, Kolkata, Ranchi, Bhubaneshwar and Gaya airports.

(c) Action is in hand for construction of new green-field airports of international standard at Bangalore and Hyderabad with private sector participation. Government has also approved and action has been initiated for restructuring and modernisation of the international airports at Delhi and Mumbai through joint venture route to make them at par with other world class airports so as to create positive impression of the country. In-principle approval has also been accorded for modernization and upgradation of Chennai airport through joint venture route. AAI has also decided to modernize 25 tentatively selected non-metro airports in phases with focus on airside and city side development to upgrade them to world class standards.